

## Ontario Public Drug Programs

# Notice from the Executive Officer: Update on OHIP+

July 30, 2018

On June 30, 2018 the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care announced the government's intent to change the OHIP+ program in Ontario.

**In the interim, OHIP+ will continue in its current form (status quo), providing children and youth aged 24 years and under who are OHIP insured, coverage through the Ontario Drug Benefit (ODB) program.**

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care recommends that pharmacists, prescribers and private insurers continue with their current practices, such as:

- Pharmacists should continue to submit claims for OHIP+ eligible individuals for eligible prescriptions to the Ontario Drug Benefit program.
- Prescribers should continue submitting Exceptional Access Program requests, utilizing the Temporary Facilitated Access (Rheumatology) mechanism, and including Reason For Use codes on prescriptions for Limited Use drugs, as appropriate.
- Private insurers to continue to fund some drugs available through the Exceptional Access Program (antibiotics, blood thinners, and certain drugs with low approval rates) without requiring a rejection letter, as part of the ongoing Transition Strategy.

Ontario is committed to ensuring that children and youth are able to continue to access prescription medications.

### **Additional Information:**

#### **For pharmacies:**

Please call ODB Pharmacy Help Desk at: 1-800-668-6641

**For all other Health Care Providers and the Public:**

Please call ServiceOntario, Infoline at 1-866-532-3161 TTY 1-800-387-5559.

In Toronto, TTY 416-327-4282